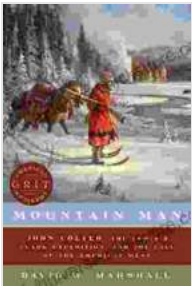


# John Colter: The Lewis and Clark Expedition and the Call of the American West



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## Early Life and Joining the Expedition



John Colter was born in Virginia in 1775. Little is known about his early life, but he is believed to have been a skilled hunter and trapper from a young age. In 1803, he joined the Lewis and Clark Expedition as a member of the Corps of Discovery.

The Lewis and Clark Expedition was a landmark expedition commissioned by President Thomas Jefferson to explore the uncharted Louisiana

Territory. Led by Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, the expedition set out from St. Louis, Missouri, in May 1804.

## **Adventures with the Expedition**

Colter played a significant role in the expedition. He was a skilled frontiersman with a deep knowledge of the wilderness. He was often sent out to hunt for game and to scout ahead for danger. He also helped to build boats, navigate rivers, and gather information about the land and its inhabitants.

During the expedition, Colter witnessed many incredible sights and experiences. He was among the first white men to see the Great Plains, the Rocky Mountains, and the Pacific Ocean. He also encountered various Native American tribes, including the Shoshone, Chinook, and Nez Perce.

## **The Colter Expedition**

In 1806, Colter left the Lewis and Clark Expedition to return to the American West. He wanted to explore the vast uncharted territories beyond the Rocky Mountains. Accompanied by two companions, he set out on what became known as the Colter Expedition.

The Colter Expedition traveled through the Yellowstone region, the Wind River Mountains, and the Great Salt Lake. Colter was the first white man to discover Yellowstone's geysers and hot springs. He also encountered the Crow and Blackfoot Native American tribes.

In 1807, Colter returned to St. Louis, where he shared his adventures with the public. His stories of the American West inspired many other frontiersmen and explorers to venture into the unknown.

## Later Life and Legacy

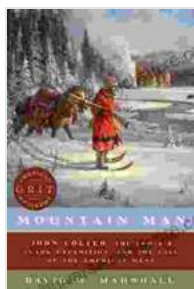
After his return to civilization, Colter resumed his career as a hunter and trapper. He continued to explore the American West and played a role in the fur trade.

Colter died in 1813 at the age of 38. He was killed by Blackfoot Native Americans while hunting in the Missouri River Valley.

Despite his short life, John Colter left a lasting legacy. He was one of the most significant explorers of the American West. His adventures and discoveries helped to shape the course of American history.

John Colter was a legendary frontiersman who played a vital role in the exploration of the American West. His adventures with the Lewis and Clark Expedition, as well as his later Colter Expedition, forever changed the course of American history.

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